August 30, 2007

Les Boles Office of State Budget 1201 Main Street, Suite 950 Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Boles:

The Office of Regulatory Staff is an "Other" funded agency and is not requesting additional FTEs or any capital budget monies for FY 09.

No changes or additions have been made to the current provisos.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Dan F. Arnett Chief of Staff

cc: Earle Powell

FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 BUDGET PLAN

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- A. Agency Section/Code/Name: Section 57/R06/Office of Regulatory Staff
- B. Statewide Mission: The Office of Regulatory Staff represents the public interest in utility regulation by balancing the concerns of the using and consuming public, the financial integrity of public utilities, and the economic development of South Carolina.
 - C. Summary Description of Strategic or Long-Term Goals:
 - (1) Represent the public interest with integrity and impartiality by balancing the concerns of all stakeholders
 - (2) Monitor utility compliance with rules, regulations, and statutes
 - (3) Develop and maintain productive and trusting relationships through communication with all stakeholders

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Summary of Operating Budget		F	UNDING				FTE	S	
Priorities for FY 2008-09:	State Non-	State							
	Recurring	Recurring	Federal	Other	Total	State	Fed.	Other	Total
Priority Title:	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	0	0	0	0.00
No.:									
Strategic Goal No. Referenced in									
Item C Above (if applicable):									
Activity Number & Name:									
Priority Title:	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	0	0	0	0.00
No.:									
Strategic Goal No. Referenced in									
Item C Above (if applicable):									
Activity Number & Name:									

Summary	y of Operating Budget		F	UNDING			FTEs			
Priorities	for FY 2008-09:	State Non-	State							
		Recurring	Recurring	Federal	Other	Total	State	Fed.	Other	Total
Priority	Title:	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	0	0	0	0.00
No.:										
Strategic (Goal No. Referenced in									
Item C Ab	oove (if applicable):									
Activity N	Number & Name:									
TOTAL C	OF ALL PRIORITIES	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Agency Recurring Base Appropriation:
State \$
Federal\$ E.

Other \$11,061,734

Efficiency Measures: F.

G.

Summary of	Capital Budget Priorities:		Additional State Funds	Previously Authorized State Funds	Total Other Fund Sources	Project Total
Priority No.:	<u>Project Name</u> : Activity Number & Name:	Project No*:	0	0	0	\$ 0
Priority No.:	Project Name: Activity Number & Name:	Project No*:	0	0	0	\$ 0
Priority No.:	Project Name: Activity Number & Name:	Project No*:	0	0	0	\$ 0
TOTAL OF A	ALL CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITI	ES	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

- * If applicable
- H. Number of Proviso Changes:0
- I. Signature/Agency Contacts/Telephone Numbers: Dorothy R. Marchant 737-0837 Dan Arnett 737-0804

II. DETAILED JUSTIFICATION FOR FY 2008-09 OPERATING BUDGET PRIORITIES

A.	Agency Section/Code/Name	e: Section 57/R06/Office	of Regulatory Staff
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- B. Priority No. ___ of ___
- C. (1) Title:
 - (2) Summary Description:
 - (3) Strategic Goal/Action Plan (if applicable):
- D. Budget Program Number and Name:
- E. Agency Activity Number and Name:
- F. Detailed Justification for Funding
 - (1) Justification for Funding Increase:

FY 2008-09 Cost Estimates:	State Non-Recurring Funds	State Recurring Funds	Federal	Other	Total
Personnel:					
(a) Number of FTEs*					0.00
(b) Personal Service					\$ 0
(c) Employer Contributions					\$ 0
Program/Case Services					\$ 0
Pass-Through Funds					\$ 0
Other Operating Expenses					\$ 0
Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total * If new FTEs are needed, plea	· · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		-	9

(2)	Daga	1		:
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State	\$
Federal	\$
Other	\$

(4)	Is this priority associated with a Capital Budget Priority?	?	If yes, state	Capital Budget	t Priority Numbe	er and Project
	Name:					

G. Detailed Justification for FTEs

- (1) Justification for New FTEs
 - (a) Justification:

(b) Future	e impact on	Operating I	Expenses or	г гасии к	equirements:

(2) Position Details:

	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
Position Title:					
(a) Number of FTEs					0.00
(b) Personal Service					\$ 0
(c) Employer Contributions					\$ 0

	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
Position Title:					
(a) Number of FTEs					0.00
(b) Personal Service					\$ 0
(c) Employer Contributions					\$ 0

(3)	FTEs in Program Area per FY 2007-08	Appropria	tion Act:
		State	
		Federal	
		Other	73
	Agency-wide Vacant FTEs as of July	31, 2007:	9
	% Vacant12%		

H. Other Comments:

III. DETAILED JUSTIFICATION FOR CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITIES

A.	Agency	Section	/Code/	Name:	Section	57/R06/Off	ice of Re	gulatory	Staf
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B. Priority No. ___ of ___

C. Strategic Goal/Action Plan (if applicable):

D. Project Name and Number (if applicable):

- E. Agency Activity Number and Name:
- F. Description of Priority:
- G. Detailed Justification for Funding
 - (1) Justification for Funding Priority:

(2)

Total Project Cost	Additional	Previously Authorized	Total Other	Project
Estimates:	State Funds	State Funds	Fund Sources	Total
Total Project Cost*				\$ 0

^{*} If additional annual operating costs from any source of funding are anticipated upon project completion please complete Sections H and I (Justification for Additional Future Annual Operating Costs) below.

H. Justification for First Year Additional Future Annual Operating Costs:

	Will additional annual operating coal If not, will additional state funds be If state funds will not be needed in t	needed in the future?				
(2) year	First Fiscal Year Additional Annual 's operating funds? I	Operating Costs Are Anti f a partial year's funds are	cipated:required, what portion o	Will this fiscal yof the year does it co	year require a par over?	rtial or full
(3)	Additional Annual Operating	State	State			
	Cost Details:	Non-Recurring	Recurring	Federal	Other	Total
	Total Costs:					
	(a) Number of FTEs					0.00
	(b) Total Personnel Costs					\$ 0
	(c) Furniture/Equipment					\$ 0
	(d) Other Operating Costs					\$ 0
	Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
	ification for First Full Year Additio complete this section.)	nal Future Annual Operatio	ng Costs (If Section H a	above represents a f	ull year's operati	ing funds, do
(1)	Will additional annual operating of If not, will additional state funds by If state funds will not be needed in	be needed in the future?				
(2)	First Full Fiscal Year Additional	Annual Operating Costs Ar	re Anticipated:	_		

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(3)

Additional Annual Operating Cost Details:	State Non-Recurring	State Recurring	Federal	Other	Total
Total Costs:	3	8			
(a) Number of FTEs					0.00
(b) Total Personnel Costs					\$ 0
(c) Furniture/Equipment					\$ 0
(d) Other Operating Costs					\$ 0
Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

J. Other Comments: We do not need additional funds in FY 2008-09 for capital purposes.

FY 2008-09 COST SAVINGS & ACTIVITY PRIORITY ADDENDUM

I. PRIORITY ASSESSMENT OF ACTIVITIES – HIGHEST PRIORITIES

A. Agency Section/Code/Name: Section 57/R06/Office of Regulatory Staff

B.

Priority Assessment of Activities –				Capital			
Highest Priorities	General	Federal	Supplemental	Reserve	Other	Total	FTEs
Activity Number & Name:1520 Utilities	0	0	0	0	417,997	417,997	4.5
- Electric							
Activity Number & Name:	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	0
Activity Number & Name:	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	0
Activity Number & Name:	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	0
Activity Number & Name:	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	0
TOTAL OF HIGHEST PRIORITES	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	417,997	417,997	4.50

FY 2008-09 ACTIVITY PRIORITY ADDENDUM

II. PRIORITY ASSESSMENT OF ACTIVITIES – LOWEST PRIORITIES

- A. Agency Section/Code/Name: Section 57/R06/Office of Regulatory Staff
- B. Agency Activity Number and Name: 1524 Dual Party Relay
- C. Explanation of Lowest Priority Status: This program affects the least number of state citizens of all the programs the Office of Regulatory Staff operates.

D. Estimate of Savings:

Estimate of Savings:	General	Federal	Supplemental	Capital Reserve	Other	Total
Personnel:						
(a) Number of FTEs	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
(b) Personal Service	0		0	0	0	\$ 0
(c) Employer Contributions	0		0	0	0	\$ 0
Program/Case Services	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0
Pass-Through Funds	0	0	0	0	2,212,347	2,212,347
Other Operating Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0
Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	2,212,347	2,212,347

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E. Activity Impact (*Describe the impact on the activity affected including the impact on customers and clients.*): We would not be able to provide closed caption service. The Dual Party Call Center would not be fully funded.

F.

Summary of Priority Assessment of				Capital			
Activities – Lowest Priorities	General	Federal	Supplemental	Reserve	Other	Total	FTEs
Activity Number & Name:1524 Dual	0	0	0	0	2,212,347	2,212,347	0
Party System							
Activity Number & Name:	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	0
Activity Number & Name:	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	0
Activity Number & Name:	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	0
Activity Number & Name:	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	0
TOTAL OF LOWEST PRIORITES	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	2,212,347	2,212,347	0.00